

O I P E J C N
APR 12 2005
PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

Attorney's Docket No. 005618.P3653X

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Dagmar Beyerlein) Examiner: Unassigned
Application No.: 10/656,491) Art Unit: 3762
Filed: September 5, 2003)
For: Systems And Methods For Detecting Tissue)
Contact And Needle Penetration Depth)
Using Static Fluid Pressure Measurements)

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Bo 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

REQUEST FOR STATUS

Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests the current status for the above-referenced patent application.

The application was filed on September 5, 2003 with an executed Declaration and Assignment forms. To date, Applicant has not received a first Office Action. In support of this Request for Status, attached please find a copy of the Filing Receipt displaying the filing date and Serial Number.

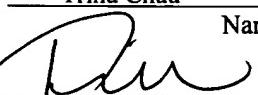
I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail with sufficient postage in an envelope addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, P. O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

on April 8, 2005

Date of Deposit

Trina Chau

Name of Person Mailing Correspondence


Signature

April 8, 2005

Date

In view of the information presented, Applicant hereby respectfully requests the current status for the above-referenced application.

Applicant believes there is no fee due. If there are costs involved, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,

BLAKELY, SOKOLOFF, TAYLOR & ZAFMAN LLP



Mimi Diemmy Dao
Reg. No. 45,628

Dated: April 8, 2005

12400 Wilshire Blvd.
Seventh Floor
Los Angeles, CA 90025-1026
(408) 720-8300



O I P E
APR 12 2005
UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Page 1 of 2

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
United States Patent and Trademark Office
Address: COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450
www.uspto.gov

JCS

GUIDANT

APPL NO.	FILING OR 371 (c) DATE	ART UNIT	FIL FEE REC'D	ATTY.DOCKET NO	DRAWINGS	TOT CLMS	IND CLMS
10/656,491	09/05/2003	3762	750	5618.P3653	16	20	2

CONFIRMATION NO. 8370 ✓

James C. Scheller
BLAKELY, SOKOLOFF, TAYLOR & ZAFMAN LLP
Seventh Floor
12400 Wilshire Boulevard
Los Angeles, CA 90025

CORRECTED FILING RECEIPT



OC000000012891398

Date Mailed: 06/07/2004

Receipt is acknowledged of this regular Patent Application. It will be considered in its order and you will be notified as to the results of the examination. Be sure to provide the U.S. APPLICATION NUMBER, FILING DATE, NAME OF APPLICANT, and TITLE OF INVENTION when inquiring about this application. Fees transmitted by check or draft are subject to collection. Please verify the accuracy of the data presented on this receipt. If an error is noted on this Filing Receipt, please write to the Office of Initial Patent Examination's Filing Receipt Corrections, facsimile number 703-746-9195. Please provide a copy of this Filing Receipt with the changes noted thereon. If you received a "Notice to File Missing Parts" for this application, please submit any corrections to this Filing Receipt with your reply to the Notice. When the USPTO processes the reply to the Notice, the USPTO will generate another Filing Receipt incorporating the requested corrections (if appropriate).

Applicant(s)

Dagmar Beyerlein, San Francisco, CA,

R E C E I V E D

JUN 10 2004

Domestic Priority data as claimed by applicant

BLAKELY, SOKOLOFF, TAYLOR & ZAFMAN LLP
LOS ANGELES

This application is a CON of 10/166,854 06/10/2002

Foreign Applications

If Required, Foreign Filing License Granted: 12/22/2003

Projected Publication Date: Request for Non-Publication Acknowledged

Non-Publication Request: Yes

Early Publication Request: No

Title

Systems and methods for detecting tissue contact and needle penetration depth using static fluid pressure measurements

ENTERED

Preliminary Class

JUN 10 2004

STATUS DB-LA

**LICENSE FOR FOREIGN FILING UNDER
Title 35, United States Code, Section 184
Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, 5.11 & 5.15**

GRANTED

The applicant has been granted a license under 35 U.S.C. 184, if the phrase "IF REQUIRED, FOREIGN FILING LICENSE GRANTED" followed by a date appears on this form. Such licenses are issued in all applications where the conditions for issuance of a license have been met, regardless of whether or not a license may be required as set forth in 37 CFR 5.15. The scope and limitations of this license are set forth in 37 CFR 5.15(a) unless an earlier license has been issued under 37 CFR 5.15(b). The license is subject to revocation upon written notification. The date indicated is the effective date of the license, unless an earlier license of similar scope has been granted under 37 CFR 5.13 or 5.14.

This license is to be retained by the licensee and may be used at any time on or after the effective date thereof unless it is revoked. This license is automatically transferred to any related applications(s) filed under 37 CFR 1.53(d). This license is not retroactive.

The grant of a license does not in any way lessen the responsibility of a licensee for the security of the subject matter as imposed by any Government contract or the provisions of existing laws relating to espionage and the national security or the export of technical data. Licensees should apprise themselves of current regulations especially with respect to certain countries, of other agencies, particularly the Office of Defense Trade Controls, Department of State (with respect to Arms, Munitions and Implements of War (22 CFR 121-128)); the Office of Export Administration, Department of Commerce (15 CFR 370.10 (j)); the Office of Foreign Assets Control, Department of Treasury (31 CFR Parts 500+) and the Department of Energy.

NOT GRANTED

No license under 35 U.S.C. 184 has been granted at this time, if the phrase "IF REQUIRED, FOREIGN FILING LICENSE GRANTED" DOES NOT appear on this form. Applicant may still petition for a license under 37 CFR 5.12, if a license is desired before the expiration of 6 months from the filing date of the application. If 6 months has lapsed from the filing date of this application and the licensee has not received any indication of a secrecy order under 35 U.S.C. 181, the licensee may foreign file the application pursuant to 37 CFR 5.15(b).